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The alleged Texas serial killer may have used his Border Patrol intelligence job to monitor the murder investigation and evade police, investigators say

The Texas man accused of killing four women and abducting a fifth likely used not only his government-issued weapon to commit the murders, but also his Border Patrol job to monitor the police investigation into their deaths, authorities told USA Today.

Juan David Ortiz, a Border Patrol intelligence supervisor, was arrested September 15, one day after a woman escaped his vehicle and alerted authorities.

Proposed police super-database breaks the law and has no legal basis – but the Home Office doesn't care

The announcement from human rights organisation Liberty that it would boycott the UK Home Office's consultation on the Law Enforcement Data Service, a new super-database for the police, is an indication of how far from acceptable the project is.

The proposed LEDS would combine the current Police National Computer (PNC) of people and property involved in lines of enquiry and the Police National Database (PND) of intelligence with others at a later date. It would include sensitive information on victims and on people unrelated to or cleared of wrongdoing.

9 soft skills every criminal justice professional needs

The criminal justice sector provides extensive pre-employment and ongoing training to law enforcement and corrections officers. Various training academies, as well as in-house “on-the-job” training programs, prepare criminal justice professionals for the duties and responsibilities of the profession.

The focus of training is often on what we refer to as “hard skills,” which are quantifiable, measurable, task-specific skills needed to perform the basic responsibilities of the job. For example, defensive tactics, critical incident response techniques and threat analysis are considered hard skills. These skills require specific knowledge, skills and abilities that can be measured through a multitude of quantifiable assessments. Employers within the criminal justice sector place a heavy emphasis on hard skills, and rightfully so.

Editorial: Intelligence agencies, law enforcement are key safeguards against new 9/11-style attacks

Passenger airliners as weapons. The horrifying toppling of the twin towers. A jetliner assault on the Pentagon. Flight 93 crashing in rural Pennsylvania, likely downed by passengers determined to stop the terrorists in the cockpit.

The 9/11 attacks took the lives of almost 3,000 people. The dead included the passengers on four airliners and 125 Pentagon personnel. At the twin towers, nearly 400 firefighters, police and Port Authority officers perished as they demonstrated extraordinary courage in working to evacuate people.

Since that time, our country has experienced heartrending tragedies including mass shootings and the Boston bombing, but there has been no repeat of a large-scale assault orchestrated by Middle Eastern terrorists.

Mexican couple accused of killing, dismembering at least 20 women, selling body parts

A Mexican couple caught carrying dismembered human remains in a baby carriage is believed to have murdered nearly two dozen women during a vicious killing spree, prosecutors said Monday.

The man – only identified by officials as Juan Carlos – reportedly confessed to killing about 20 women after investigators found multiple body parts in his apartment and at another nearby property.

Alejandro Gomez, the chief prosecutor in Mexico State, said Juan Carlos and his wife were caught last week in Ecatepec, on the northern outskirts of the

capital.

Interpol Chief Goes AWOL in China and Resigns: Spearheaded ‘Corruption Crackdown,’ Hit Macau Casino Sector Hard

President of Interpol Meng Hongwei has been arrested in China as part of an “anticorruption investigation,” authorities in Beijing said Monday. The international crime-fighting agency said on Sunday that it had received his resignation “with immediate effect.” It is unclear where Meng is being detained.

Setting Up the Game in the U.S. Crypto Gambling Debate

Playing Cards Close to The Chest

The May decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Murphy vs. National Collegiate Athletic Association to strike down the ban of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act by a majority ruling of 6-3, paved the way for all U.S. states to legalize gambling on U.S. professional sports.

Vigilant Solutions Honors the Brookhaven

Police Department, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and New Jersey State Police with Vigilant Communities Award

LIVERMORE, Calif., Oct. 8, 2018

LIVERMORE, Calif., Oct. 8, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Vigilant Solutions – an AI and data analytics company that provides technology to public safety – today announced it awarded its Vigilant Communities Award at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Orlando, Fla., to three law enforcement agencies: Brookhaven Police Department (BPD), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) and New Jersey State Police (NJSP). The Vigilant Communities Awards program recognizes law enforcement agencies for the exceptional use of artificial intelligence (AI) to prevent and solve a crime.

The National Cyber Strategy and Legal Reform

The White House recently released its National Cyber Strategy, and lawyers and privacy advocates alike should pay careful attention to its “priority actions” related to surveillance and criminal law reform. Within its section on combating cybercrime, the document provides that the administration will work with Congress to modernize both electronic surveillance laws and computer crime statutes in order to “enhance law enforcement’s capabilities to lawfully gather necessary evidence of criminal activity, disrupt criminal infrastructure through civil injunctions, and impose appropriate consequences upon malicious cyber actors.” However, reform in each area of law presents its own unique issues and challenges.

Vigilant Solutions Launches the Vigilant Investigative Center

"Today, law enforcement has a great deal of data at their fingertips, but data alone solves nothing; it is the computational analysis that reveals criminal patterns and trends, and criminal associations," said Shawn Smith, Founder and President of Vigilant Solutions. "The Vigilant Investigative Center was designed by retired law enforcement to provide law enforcement with actionable intelligence derived from analyzing multiple evidentiary data sources. We intend for VIC to be a partner in any investigation, providing the tools an investigator needs to do almost everything, short of conducting interviews and investigations."

More school security measures: Is it a good strategy for school safety?

Jared Black smiled on his way to school, thinking of his birthday party the next day. But the party to celebrate his 17 years in this world never happened. Jared became one of the 10 victims slain in the Santa Fe High School shooting (TX, May 18, 2018). The shooter was also 17 years old. When a school shooting occurs, parents are devastated; educators feel a surge of anxiety. Tragedies like a school shooting bring to the forefront a serious concern about issues ranging from school safety to school disciplines.

Mass State Police Seizes $140,000 from Southeastern Gambling Criminal Ring

The state of Massachusetts has been conducting a gambling crackdown striving to ensure that the gambling field is preserved free from illegal activities and organizations. **A total of six individuals** arrested earlier this year in the Southeastern region of the state have been indicted of unlawful operation of a gaming device, money laundering, as well as conspiracy and keeping a place for registering bets.

The Next Cybersecurity Threat: Your Email Inbox

As damaging as BEC scams are for businesses, EAC scams are hurting individuals at an alarming rate. These scams follow a similar workflow to BEC scams, targeting individuals usually associated with financial institutions, law firms and real estate companies. They also look for victims who are in the midst of a large purchase, such as a home, where they have to wire funds for closing.

Police Professionals Welcome New Technologies but Require Training and Enhanced Workforce Planning to Reap Benefits

ORLANDO, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Three-fourths (76 percent) of policing personnel expect that they will need new digital skills to be effective in their roles over the next three to five years, and half (50 percent) are willing to learn new digital skills if they receive the necessary training from their employer, according to findings of a six-country survey released by Accenture (NYSE: ACN) at the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

Three Reasons Every Business Should Think About Location Intelligence

The ease-of-use of mobile apps like Google Maps and Strava (which is now being used for urban planning) has inspired a lot of companies to start thinking differently about location technology. Consequently, many IT professionals are being asked, and discovering how, to create location-based applications.

“IT is now being required to build spatially-aware or enabled applications, without a history of working with these technologies,” says Clarence Hempfield, vice president of location intelligence (LI) at Pitney Bowes. “That means organizations like Pitney Bowes have had to deliver these capabilities in such a way that a non-GIS expert can build and deliver geospatial applications, without the foundation of years of working with the technology.”

Why Police Should Monitor Social Media to Prevent Crime

IN FEBRUARY, THE ACLU of Massachusetts released a damning report detailing prejudice in social media surveillance efforts by the Boston Police Department (BPD). The report revealed that between 2014 and 2016, the BPD had tracked keywords on Facebook and Twitter in an effort to identify potential terrorist threats. The BPD labeled as “Islamist extremist terminology” keywords like “ISIS” and “Islamic State,” but also phrases like #MuslimLivesMatter” and “ummah,” the Arabic word for community.

Technology…What's It Mean for Crime and Criminal Justice

Technology is changing the way that many industries operate – and criminal justice is no exception. That's because the way criminals pursue their activities is changing, with information technology (IT) now a major part of global criminal activity.

In 2017, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission reported that cybercrime costs the national economy around $1 billion annually. In the United Kingdom (UK), the Office of National Statistics reported that in the 12 months up to September 2017, there were 4.7 million incidents of fraud and computer

misuse in England and Wales alone!

As criminals adapt to technology, so too must those trying to bring them to justice. Which means there is a growing demand for innovative, adaptive and forward-thinking professionals in the criminal justice services.

Verizon Unveils New Connected Body Camera with Axon at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

"Public safety continues to work with Verizon because of a distinct track record of meeting public safety needs for decades," says Mike Maiorana, senior vice

president for public sector, Verizon. "Working together with Axon only helps Verizon better support law enforcement officials with cutting-edge technology on the nation's largest and most reliable 4G LTE network."

Is this Motorola Autonomous Police Car Patent the Real Robocop of Our Dystopian Future?

Even Paul Verhoeven's 1986 classic "Robocop," prescient as it was, could not envision autonomous police cars that could process suspects, extract payments, offer a hearing before a judge via videophone, or drive suspects to

jail. Indeed, combining two of America's favorite pastimes -- cars and litigation -- has not been imagined on the silver screen in a manner so complete before.

Motorola's patent for an autonomous police car packs quite a few functions of the criminal justice system into a car, enough not only for Uber drivers but for police officers to worry about job security in the age of autonomy. And it looks like it's only a few years away from reality, as most of the tech presented in the patent looks 80 percent ready with current technology.

From Encrypted Messaging to Critical Fire Systems: Blockchain for Security Sector

Blockchain-based systems' decentralized nature makes for their formidable

resiliency to the outsiders' attempts to infiltrate or take down such networks. Governments, law enforcement agencies and even military leadership around the world seem to be embracing a more blockchain-friendly way of thinking as they realize that the power of distributed ledger technology (DLT) could be harnessed to advance their goals in numerous ways. This generates increased demand for security-enhancing solutions, which pushes the private sector to come up with such products at an ever-increasing pace.

TRAINING TOGETHER IN BELGIUM: HOW DO POLICE OFFICERS DISMANTLE ILLICIT SYNTHETIC DRUGS LABS?

In the first week of October Europol, CEPOL and the Belgian Federal Police organised a follow-up training course on dismantling illicit synthetic drug

laboratories at the Campus Vesta training centre in Emblem, Belgium. This year the course was attended by 21 participants from 15 EU Member States and Colombia. The participants had the chance to carry out a series of practical exercises under real-life conditions, including a simulated illicit synthetic drug laboratory environment.

Can Community Policing Help Tackle Organized Crime in Mexico?

A community-focused policing program that has produced positive results in one of Mexico's most violent states suggests that alternative forms of policing could be a way forward to quell rising violence, but the question remains: can

they help tackle organized crime?

CEO Pleads Guilty to Selling Encrypted Phones to Organized Crime

In March, Motherboard reported that the FBI had arrested the CEO of Phantom Secure, a company selling custom, encrypted phones, and which allegedly provided them to high end organized criminal groups including the Sinaloa drug cartel. On Tuesday, Vincent Ramos, the CEO, pleaded guilty to running a criminal enterprise that facilitated drug trafficking, specifically through the sale of these encrypted phones.

Penn State Fayette professor publishes textbook on organized crime

LEMONT FURNACE, Pa. — Donald R. Liddick Jr., associate professor of administration of justice at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, has published the textbook "Organized Crime: The Essentials" with Cognella Academic Publishing.

“The text is an affordable, cutting-edge synthesis of the organized crime problem in the United States and around the world,” said Liddick.

We Need To Examine The Ethics And Governance Of Artificial Intelligence

Growing up, one of my favorite movies was Steven Spielberg's MinorityReport.

I was fascinated by the idea that a crime could be prevented before it occurred. More interesting to me at the time was the futuristic role that 'super intelligent' technology – something depicted as more sophisticated and advanced than humans – could play in doing this accurately.

Recently, the role that pre-crime and artificial intelligence can play in our world has been explored in episodes of the popular Netflix TV show Black Mirror, focusing on the debate between free will and determinism.

How Good — And How Secure — Is Facial Recognition Technology?

NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with Alice O'Toole of the University of Texas at Dallas about developments in facial recognition technology and its implications.

Upcoming Training / Conferences

International Public Safety Association (IPSA) Symposium. Washington, D.C. November 14-15, 2018 - https://www.joinipsa.org/Fall-2018-Symposium

Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (LEIU) Training (2019). Orlando, FL. April 29-May 3, 2019
- http://leiu.org/training/event/2019

International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. June 25-28, 2019
- https://www.iaclea.org/iaclea-2018-annual-conference

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